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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Hearl  
4 Bishop of Canton; and

5           WHEREAS, Hearl Bishop was born in Karnak, a small town in  
6 Southern Illinois, on December 24, 1920; he attended Southern  
7 Illinois University, where he received his Bachelor of Arts and  
8 master's degree in education; he married Helen Ilene Dickey in  
9 1946; and

10           WHEREAS, Hearl Bishop was the agriculture teacher at  
11 Eldorado High School from 1946 to 1961; he was then hired as  
12 the Assistant Principal at Ridgeway High School for 2 years; he  
13 moved his family north and continued his work in education  
14 administration as principal of Mahomet-Seymour High School  
15 from 1963 to 1966; while working in the school district, he  
16 worked on his doctorate in business administration at the  
17 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; and

18           WHEREAS, In 1966, Hearl Bishop's career brought him to  
19 Canton, Illinois, as he was hired as the Dean of Canton  
20 Community College (CCC); he, along with Dr. William Taylor and  
21 Harold Swartzbaugh and the many supporters who worked  
22 tirelessly for 2 years, successfully passed a referendum to

1 elevate CCC to Class I Junior College status in 1968; the  
2 college would become known as Spoon River College;  
3 groundbreaking began in 1972 for the new campus on the  
4 outskirts of Canton, and he was named the first President  
5 Emeritus, continuing his work until his retirement in 1978; and

6 WHEREAS, Hearl Bishop's dedication to higher education  
7 helped inspire the college to continue to grow with the  
8 addition of 3 satellite campuses in Macomb, Rushville, and  
9 Havana after his retirement; and

10 WHEREAS, Hearl Bishop enjoyed his days golfing with friends  
11 and challenging rounds with his sons; they enjoyed fishing  
12 locally and trips out west, which proved to be adventurous; he  
13 also enjoyed playing billiards at the Canton Senior Center; and

14 WHEREAS, Hearl Bishop lived his life to the fullest; he was  
15 a pillar in the Canton community and a source of love and  
16 strength to his family and an advocate for the education and  
17 advancement of agriculture in Illinois; and

18 WHEREAS, Hearl Bishop was preceded in death by his wife,  
19 Helen; his mother, Minnie; his father, Luther; and his sister,  
20 Margaree (Bishop) Hunter; and

21 WHEREAS, Hearl Bishop is survived by his sons, Dan Bishop

1 (Connie Huttles Bishop) and Jack Bishop (Karla Hatcher Bishop);  
2 his daughter, Beth Chapman (Philip Chapman); his  
3 grandchildren, Amy Deakin, Emily Deakin Harmony (Faron  
4 Harmony), Jennifer Bishop (Justin Hood), Katie Bishop, Matt  
5 Chapman (Amy J. Chapman), and Nikki Chapman; his  
6 great-grandchildren, Ashlyn Deakin, Dustin, Jadlyn, Victoria,  
7 and Faron Harmony, Parker and Maggie Chapman, and Hunter Hood;  
8 his 2 brothers, Bill and Bruce Bishop; and his sister, Louise  
9 (Bishop) Eastwood; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
11 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
12 mourn the passing of Hearl Bishop, and extend our sincere  
13 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
14 him; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
16 presented to the family of Hearl Bishop as an expression of our  
17 deepest sympathy.